The Traditional and Local Foods Demonstration Project Provision

Included below is the *Traditional and Local Foods Demonstration Project* provision from the <u>Agricultural Act of 2014</u> (aka, 2014 Farm Bill).

The provision is under Sec. 4004(b)(6) of the Act:

(6) TRADITIONAL AND LOCAL FOODS DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.—

- (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall pilot a demonstration project by awarding a grant to 1 or more tribal organizations authorized to administer the food distribution program on Indian reservations under section 4(b) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2013(b)) for the purpose of purchasing nutritious and traditional foods, and when practicable, foods produced locally by Indian producers, for distribution to recipients of foods distributed under that program.
- (B) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary may award a grant on a noncompetitive basis to 1 or more tribal organizations that have the administrative and financial capability to conduct a demonstration project, as determined by the Secretary.
- (C) CONSULTATION, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, ANDTRAINING.—During the implementation phase of the demonstration project, the Secretary shall consult with Indian tribes and provide outreach to Indian farmers, ranchers, and producers regarding the training and capacity to participate in the demonstration project.
- (D) FUNDING.—
 - (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.
 - (ii) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER AUTHORITIES.—The funds and authorities provided under this subparagraph are in addition to any other funds or authorities the Secretary may have to carry out activities described in this paragraph.

Please note, FY 2016 FDPIR full-year appropriations did not include funding for this provision.